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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 18, 2005, please
consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3
of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/941,188, filed August 28, 2001, issued on February 12, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,651,672, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/662,119, filed June 12, 1996, issued on February 12, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,346,074, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/425,179, filed April 20, 1995, issued on August 25, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,797,960, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/163,241, filed December 6, 1993, issued on November 5, 1996 as U.S. Patent No. 5,571,215, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/023,778, filed February 22, 1993, issued on September 26, 1995 as U.S. Patent No. 5,452,733. The complete disclosures of all of these applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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